

Monday, April 24, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 719-721, and S. Res. 110.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Reported on Tuesday, April 18, during the recess:

S. 719, to provide for the conservation, management, and administration of certain parks, forests, and other areas. (S. Rept. No. 104-49)

H.R. 694, entitled the "Minor Boundary Adjustments and Miscellaneous Park Amendments Act of 1995," with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104-50)

S. 268, to authorize the collection of fees for expenses for triploid grass carp certification inspections. (S. Rept. No. 104-51)

S. 534, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to provide authority for States to limit the interstate transportation of municipal solid waste, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104-52)

S. 441, to reauthorize appropriations for certain programs under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. (S. Rept. No. 104-53)

S. 84, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Bagger*. (S. Rept. No. 104-54)

S. 172, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *L. R. Beattie*. (S. Rept. No. 104-55)

S. 212, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Shamrock V.* (S. Rept. No. 104-56)

S. 213, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Endeavour*. (S. Rept. No. 104-57)

S. 278, to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Serenity*. (S. Rept. No. 104-58)

S. 279, to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Why Knot*. (S. Rept. No. 104-59)

S. 475, to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Lady Hawk*. (S. Rept. No. 104-60)

S. 480, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Gleam*. (S. Rept. No. 104-61)

S. 482, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for the vessel *Emerald Ayes*. (S. Rept. No. 104-62)

S. 492, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Intrepid*. (S. Rept. No. 104-63)

S. 493, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Consortium*. (S. Rept. No. 104-64)

S. 527, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Empress*. (S. Rept. No. 104-65)

S. 528, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation and coastwise trade endorsement for three vessels. (S. Rept. No. 104-66)

S. 535, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue certificates of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in coastwise trade for each of 2 vessels named *Gallant Lady*, subject to certain conditions, and for other purposes. (S. Rept. No. 104-67)

S. 561, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Isabelle*. (S. Rept. No. 104-68)

S. 565, to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104-69)

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Measures Passed:

Truth in Lending Class Action Relief Act: Senate passed H.R. 1380, to provide a moratorium on certain class action lawsuits relating to the Truth in Lending Act, clearing the measure for the President.

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Product Liability Fairness Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Gorton Amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Tuesday, April 25, 1995.

Condemning Oklahoma City Bombing—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote to occur on S. Res. 110, expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, at 12 Noon.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Extradition Treaty with Jordan (Treaty Doc. No. 104-3); and

Protocol Amending the 1980 Tax Convention with Canada (Treaty Doc. No. 104-4).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

David C. Litt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Larry C. Napper, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Latvia.

R. Grant Smith, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan.

Donald K. Steinberg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola.

Lawrence Palmer Taylor, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia.

Patrick Nickolas Theros, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar.

Peter Tomsen, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.

Jenonne R. Walker, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

James Alan Williams, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Special Coordinator for Cyprus.

Stephen G. Kellison, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Marilyn Moon, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years.

Ira S. Shapiro, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Senior Counsel and Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

26 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

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Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 6:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 25, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on pages S5615–16.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 1.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D412)

H.R. 889, making supplemental appropriations and rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995. Signed April 10, 1995. (P.L. 104-6)

H.R. 831, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, and to repeal the provision permitting nonrecognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission. Signed April 11, 1995. (P.L. 104-7)

H.R. 1345, to eliminate budget deficits and management inefficiencies in the government of the District of Columbia through the establishment of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority. Signed April 17, 1995. (P.L. 104-8)

S. 178, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to extend the authorization for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Signed April 21, 1995. (P.L. 104-9)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 25 through 29, 1995

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 956, Product Liability Fairness Act. Also, Senate will vote on S.J. Res. 110, condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City, at 12 Noon.

During *the balance of the week*, Senate expects to continue consideration of H.R. 956, Product Liability Fairness Act, and consider conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on *Tuesday*, April 25, 1995, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: April 26, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, Wednesday, for energy conservation, 9 a.m.; for fossil energy, clean coal technology, Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and the Naval Petroleum Reserve, 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:15 a.m., SD-116.

April 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

April 27, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 28, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on issues of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Medicaid Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: April 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Program, and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Reauthorization, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

April 26, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to continue hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, and to examine the future of the ABM Treaty, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

April 27, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings on the near and long term readiness of the Armed Forces as it relates to the future years defense program, 9 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on the Budget: April 27, business meeting, to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution on the fiscal year 1996 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 26, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

April 26, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to resume oversight hearings on the U.S. Forest Service land management planning process, focusing on the coordination of and conflicts between Federal forest management and general environmental statutes, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 537 and H.R. 402, bills to make certain technical corrections to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 26, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold oversight hearings on the General Services Administration activities on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration consolidation project, the proposed Federal Communications Commission lease consolidation, and the U.S. Patent Trademark Office consolidation, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

April 27, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 9 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 26, to resume hearings to examine welfare reform proposals, focusing on programs for children, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

April 27, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine welfare reform proposals, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 27, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of NATO, focusing on problems, threats and U.S. interests, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 26, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 343, to reform the Federal regulatory process, 10 a.m., SD-226.

April 27, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nature and extent of the threat of international terrorism in the United States, focusing on possible legislative responses, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: April 25, business meeting, to resume markup of S. 454, to reform the health care liability system and improve health care quality through the establishment of quality assurance programs, and to consider the nomination of Harriet M. Zimmerman, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

April 27, Subcommittee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to hold hearings to examine vocational education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 26, to hold hearings on the nomination of John M. Deutch, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Central Intelligence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E881-82 in today's RECORD.

House Committees

Committee on the Budget, April 27, hearing on the Administration's Defense Budget: Bottom Up or Belly Up? 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 25

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, May 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: After the recognition of three Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 12 noon), Senate will vote on S. Res. 110, condemning the bombing in Oklahoma City. Senate will also resume consideration of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Legislative program will be announced later.



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